GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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LOWERING OF POSTAL RATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Book Fairs have become highly expensive affairs due to higher postal rates;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take action in the direction of making postal rates reasonable for the promotion/expansion of literacy and books;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As the service `Book Post, containing Printed Books` is highly subsidized to the tune of Rs. 20.54 crores as per estimated for Financial Year 2004-05. The tariff of the service was last revised w.e.f. 01.06.2001, after 11 years. The present tariff of the service is as under:

For the first 100 gm or fraction thereof Re. 1/-
For every additional 100 gm or fraction
thereof in excess of 100 gm Re. 1/-